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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI,

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SEASON OF VENGEANCE...



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EAT COLD
STEEL,
PAJAMA-
BOY!



NO!
HE'S
DEFLECTED
IT--RIGHT
BACK AT
ME!!

...MOMENT OF DEATH!

"Call me Shang-Chi, as my *father* did, when he raised me and molded my mind and my body in the vacuum of his Honan, China, retreat. I learned many things from my father: that my name means "The Rising and Advancing of a Spirit," that my body could be forged into a living weapon through the discipline of KungFu, and that it might be used for the murder of a man called Dr. Petrie.

"Since then, I have learned that my father is **Dr. Fu Manchu**, the most insidiously evil man on earth... and that to *honor* him would bring nothing but *dishonor* to the spirit of my *name*."

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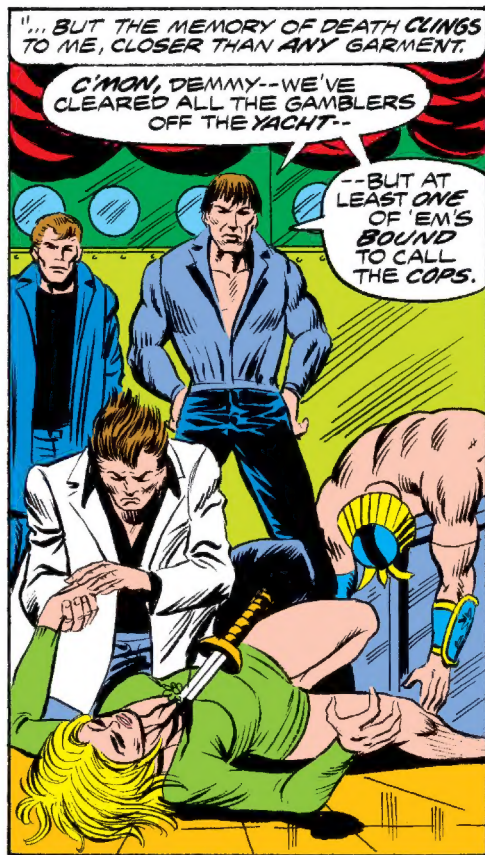
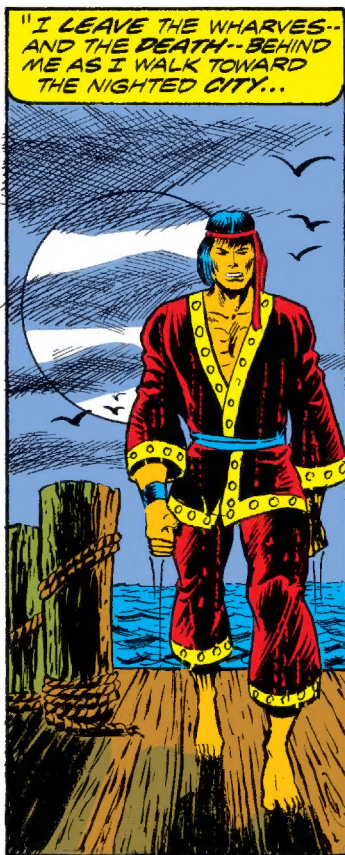
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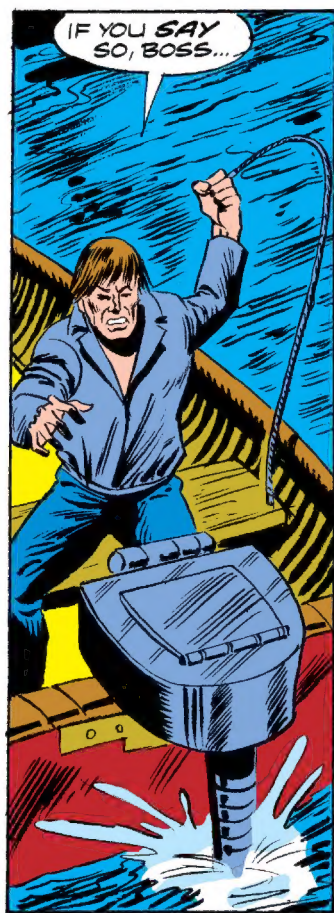
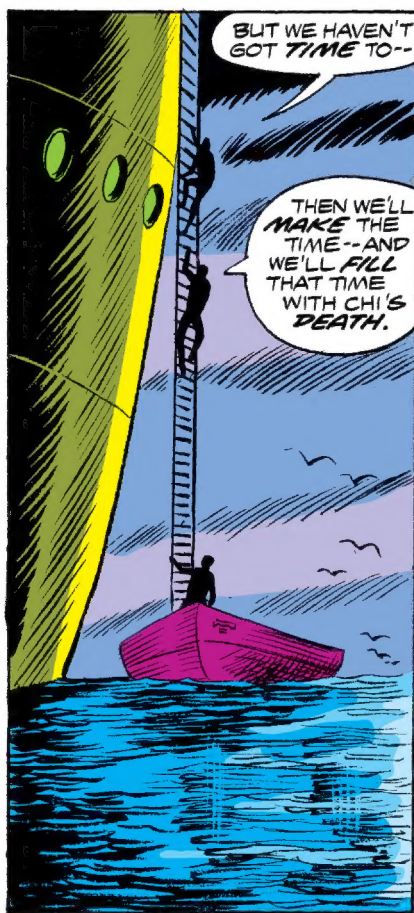
FEATURING SUPPORTING
CHARACTERS CREATED
BY SAX ROHMER.

"I HAVE TOUCHED THE WATER
FROM YACHT TO WHARF... AND
THOUGH I HAVE NOT SLAIN,
I HAVE LEFT DEATH BEHIND ME.

"IT MUST EVER BE SO, FOR
I AM THE SON OF FU
MANCHU..."

"...AND DEATH IS
HIS HERITAGE."



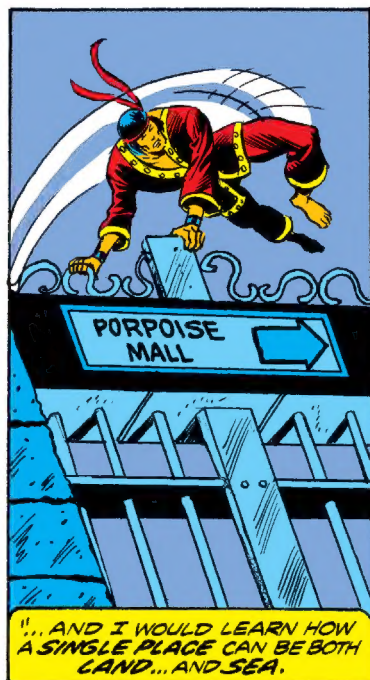




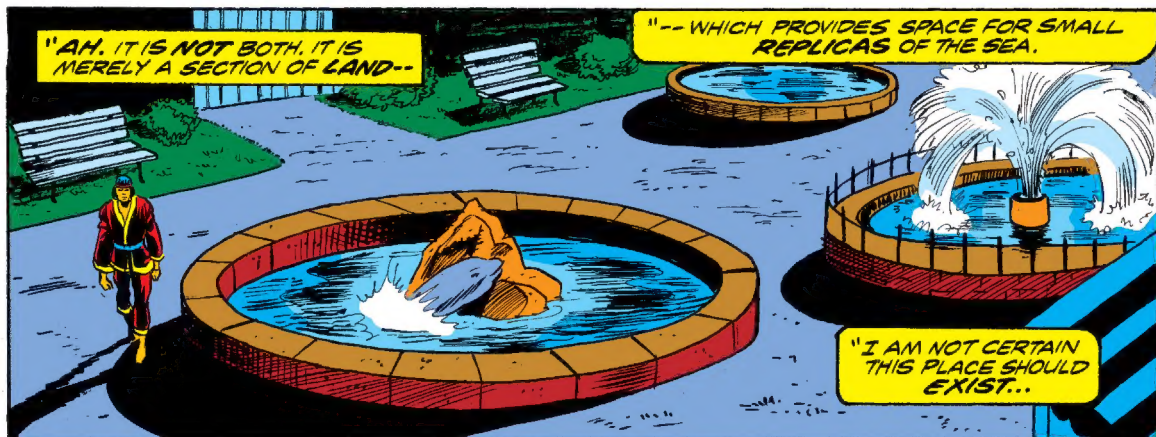
"I AM INTRIGUED BY THIS PLACE CALLED *MARINE LAND*.



"ITS NAME PUZZLES ME..."



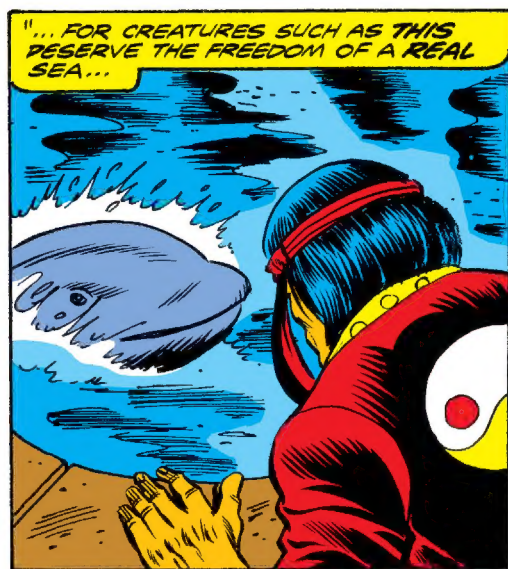
"... AND I WOULD LEARN HOW A SINGLE PLACE CAN BE BOTH *LAND*... AND *SEA*."



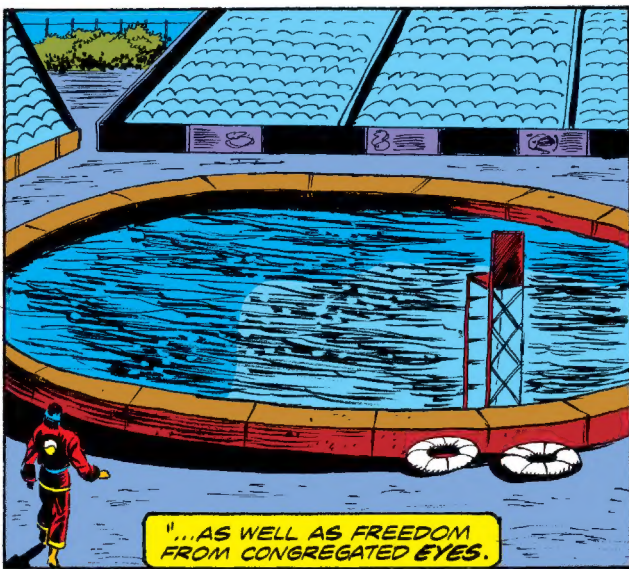
"AH. IT IS NOT BOTH. IT IS MERELY A SECTION OF *LAND*--

"-- WHICH PROVIDES SPACE FOR SMALL *REPLICAS* OF THE *SEA*."

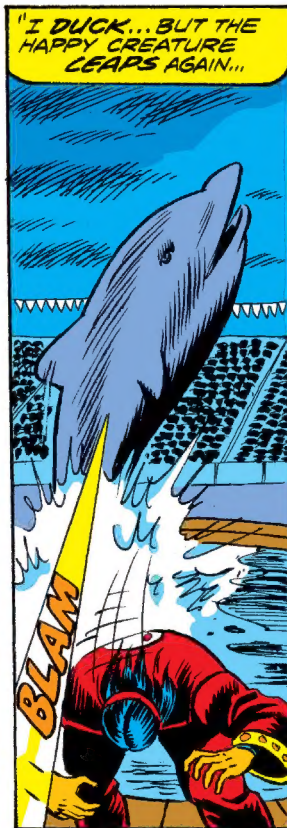
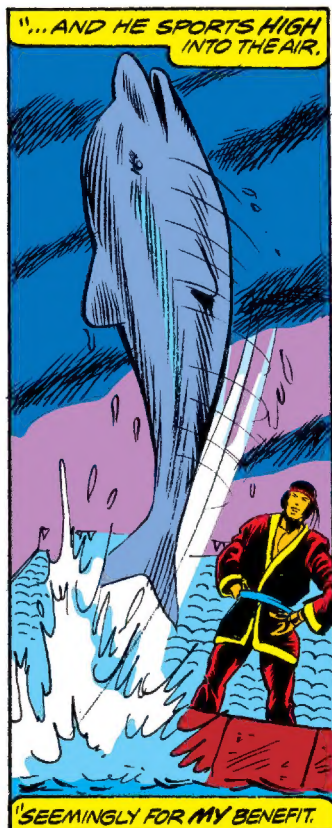
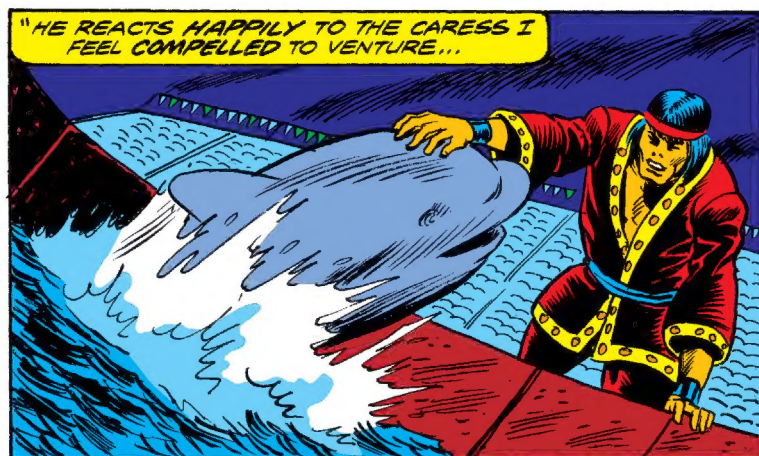
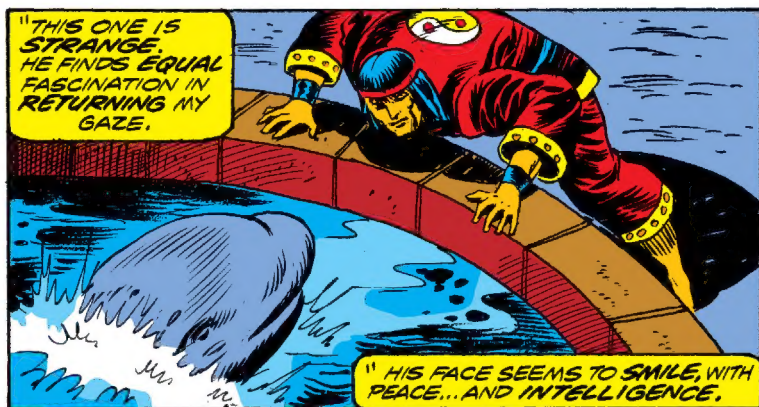
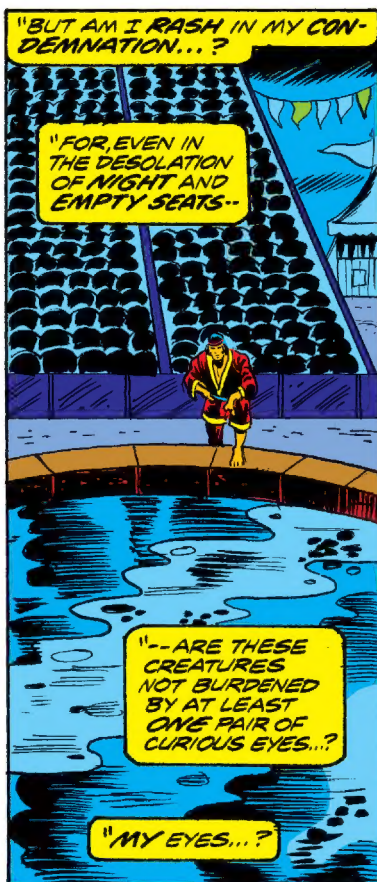
"I AM NOT CERTAIN THIS PLACE SHOULD *EXIST*..."

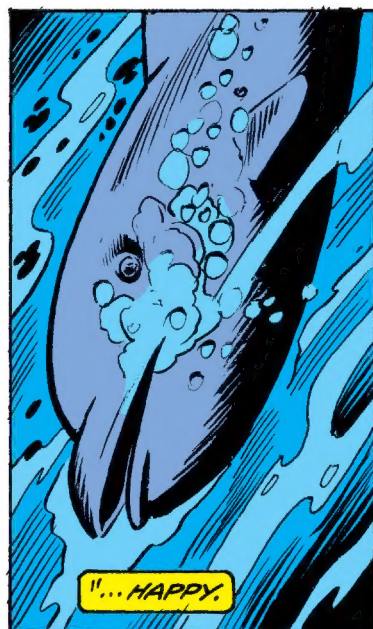


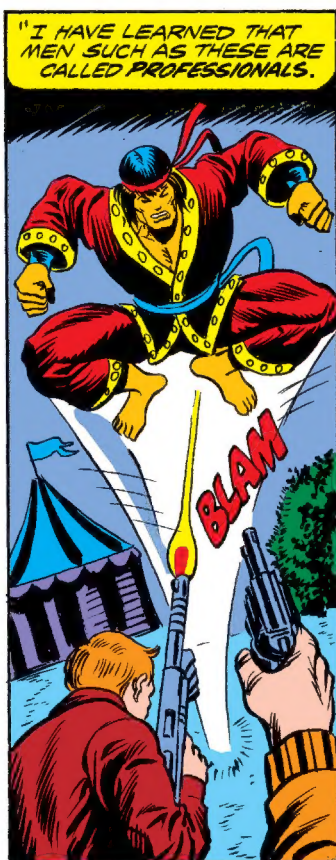
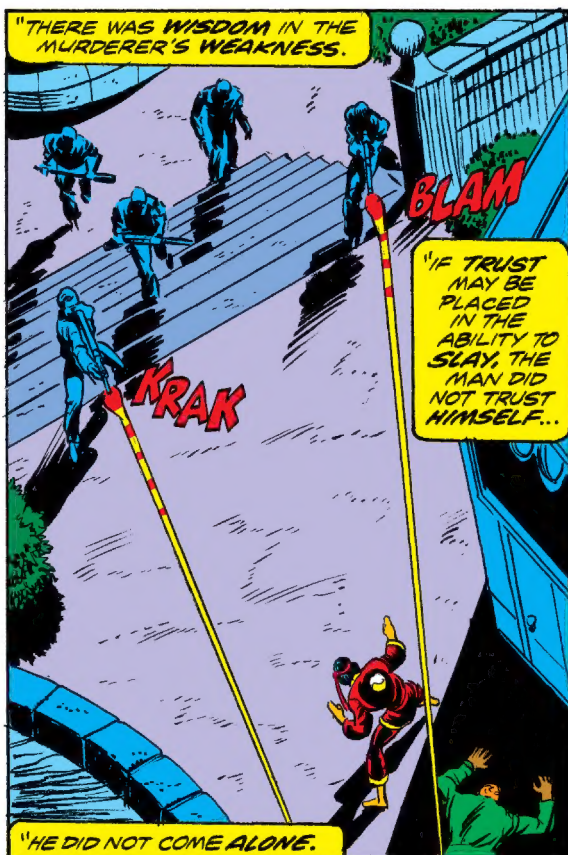
"... FOR CREATURES SUCH AS THIS PRESERVE THE *FREEDOM* OF A REAL *SEA*..."



"... AS WELL AS *FREEDOM* FROM *CONGREGATED EYES*."







"IT SICKENS ME THAT
THIS HAND IS PAID TO
GRASP A GUN--



"-- AND THAT IT IS
MONEY, THERE-
FORE, WHICH
FORCES ME TO
GRASP A HAND...

"... AND FEEL THE
POISON OF HATE--



SPLUD



"-- AS I TURN MY HAND INTO A
WEAPON JUST AS LETHAL AS A GUN.

"BUT NOT AS FAR-
REACHING.



"THEY RUN FOR ME
NOW, THEIR FACES
SHOWING HATE THEY
DO NOT FEEL. I
HAVE NOT WRONGED
THEM...



"... BUT THE MONEY
THEY WILL RECEIVE
MAKES MY DEATH
RIGHT.

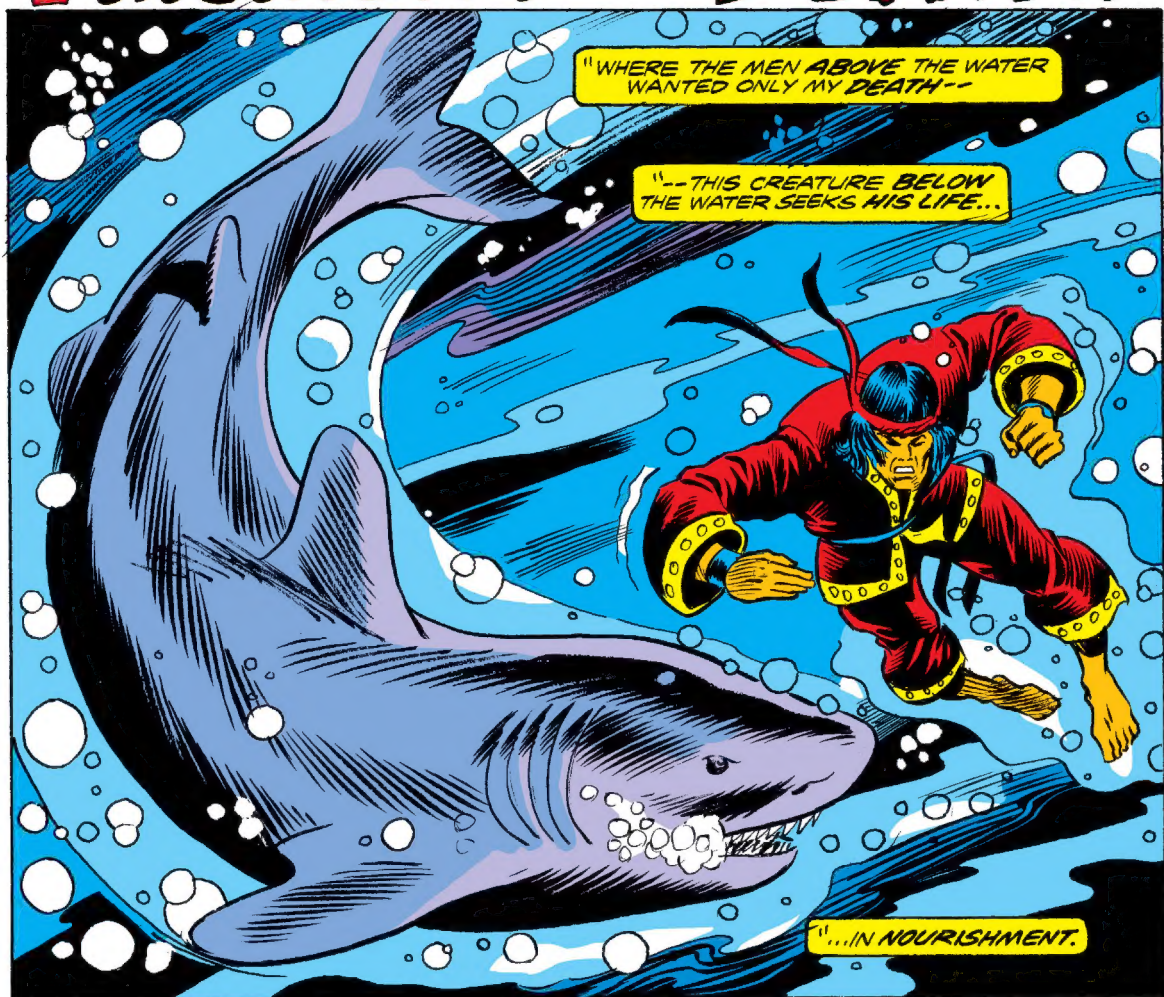


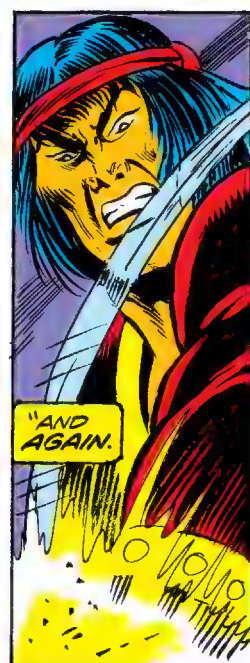
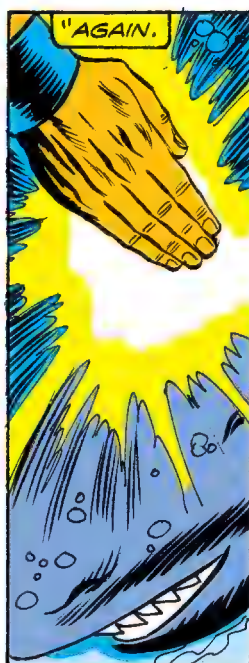
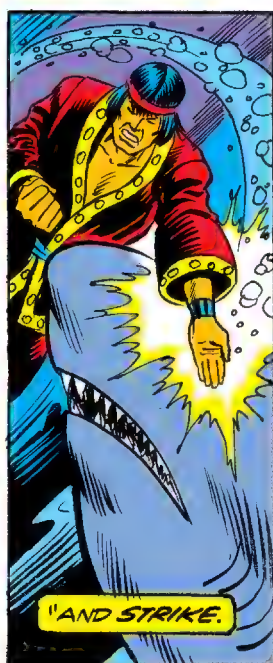
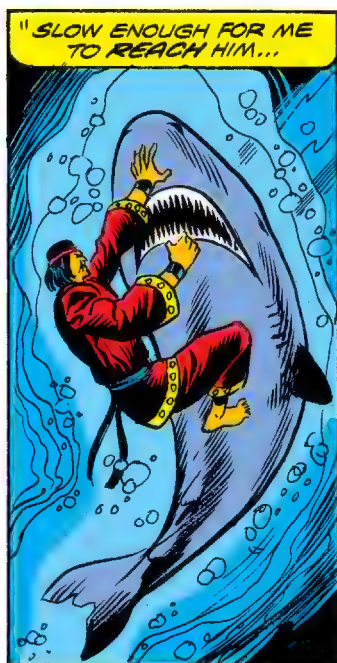
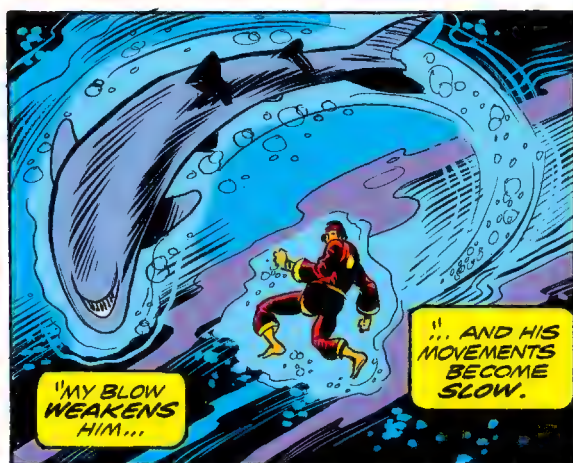
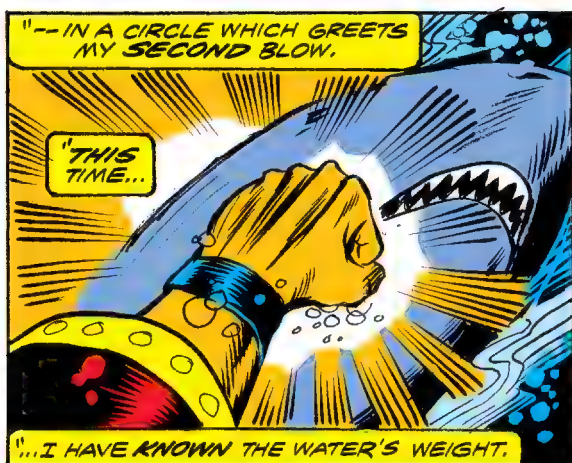
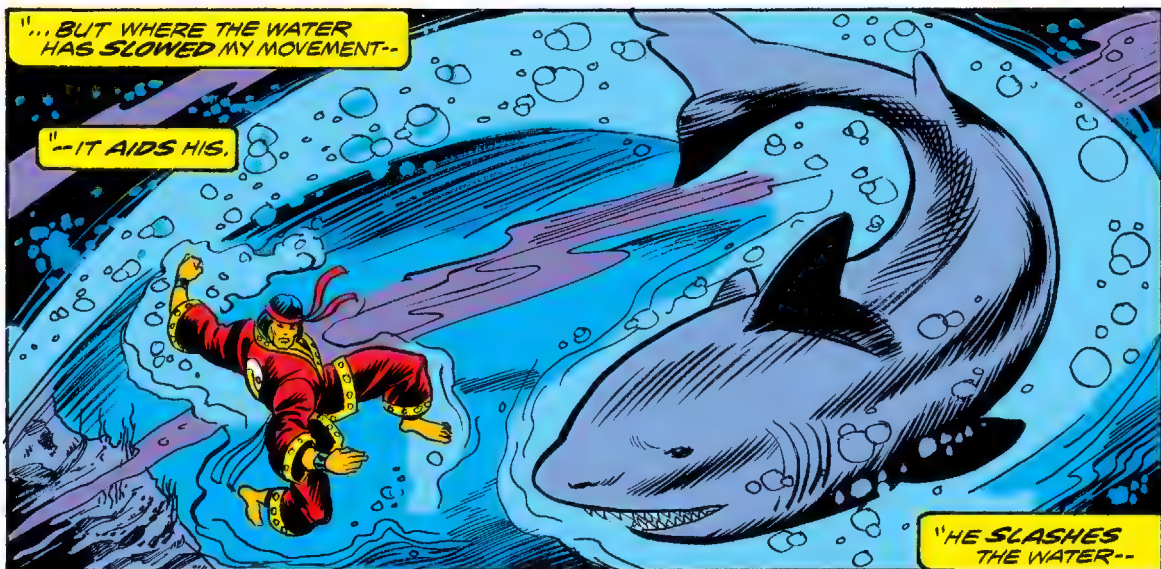
"I CANNOT
FIGHT SO
MANY MEN
OF SUCH
LITTLE
FEELING.
I MUST
ESCAPE...



"... EVEN IF IT IS ONLY
INTO ANOTHER TRAP.

PART 2 MOMENT OF DEATH!







"AND WITH MY FINAL THRUST I AM AWARE OF BREATH..."



"... AND THE SWIFT NECESSITY OF IT."

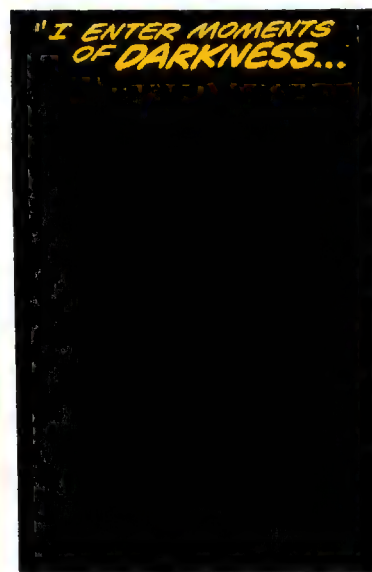
"THE CREATURE IS STUNNED. HE WILL NOT PURSUE ME."



"I BREAK THE SURFACE TO RECEIVE AIR--"



"-- AND WAITING VIOLENCE."



"I ENTER MOMENTS OF DARKNESS..."

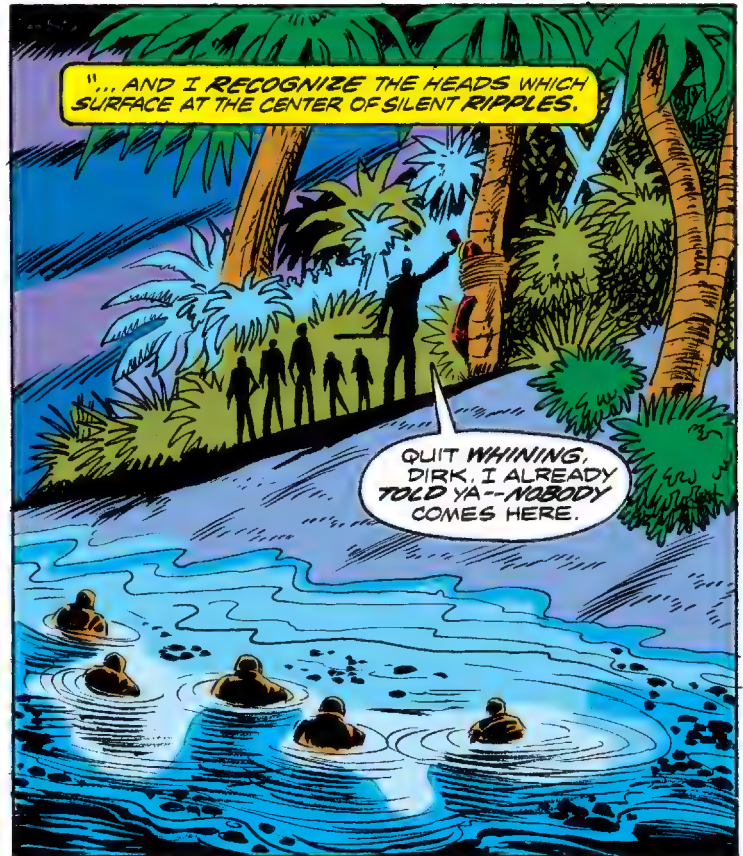


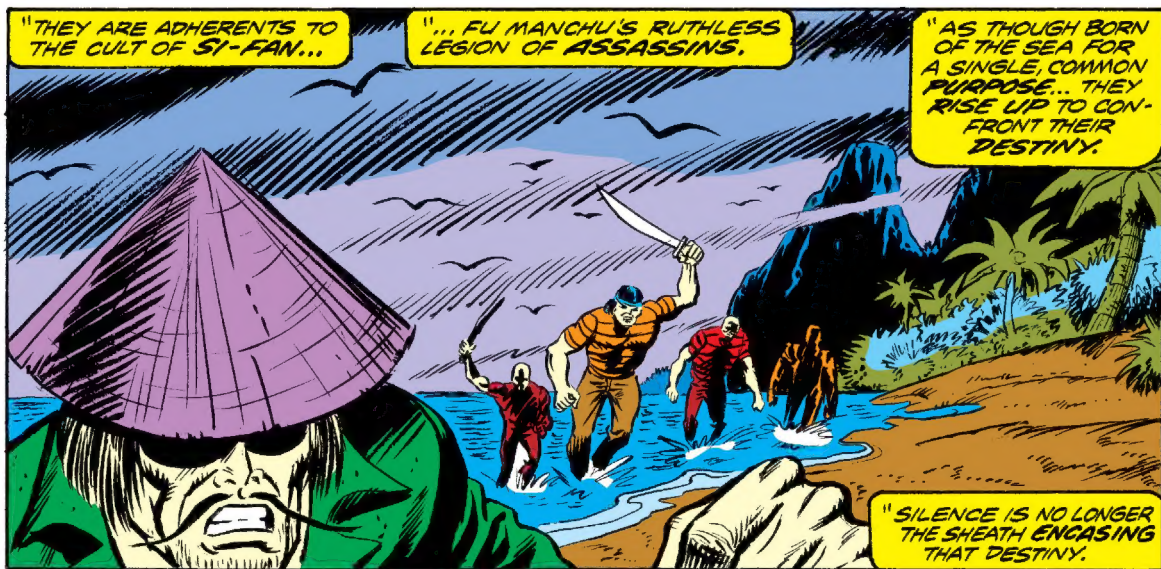
"... AND DREAM OF A JOURNEY ACROSS ROUGH CONCRETE."

ALMOST THOUGHT THE STUPID PUNK HAD DROWNED HIMSELF.

GOOD THING HE DIDN'T... SINCE MARSTON 'LL PAY DOUBLE FOR HIM ALIVE.







"THEY ARE ADHERENTS TO THE CULT OF SI-FAN..."

"... FU MANCHU'S RUTHLESS LEGION OF ASSASSINS."

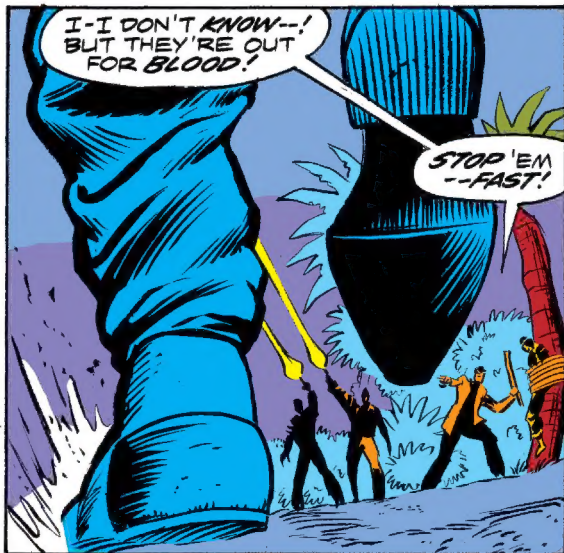
"AS THOUGH BORN OF THE SEA FOR A SINGLE, COMMON PURPOSE... THEY RISE UP TO CONFRONT THEIR DESTINY."

"SILENCE IS NO LONGER THE SHEATH ENCASING THAT DESTINY."



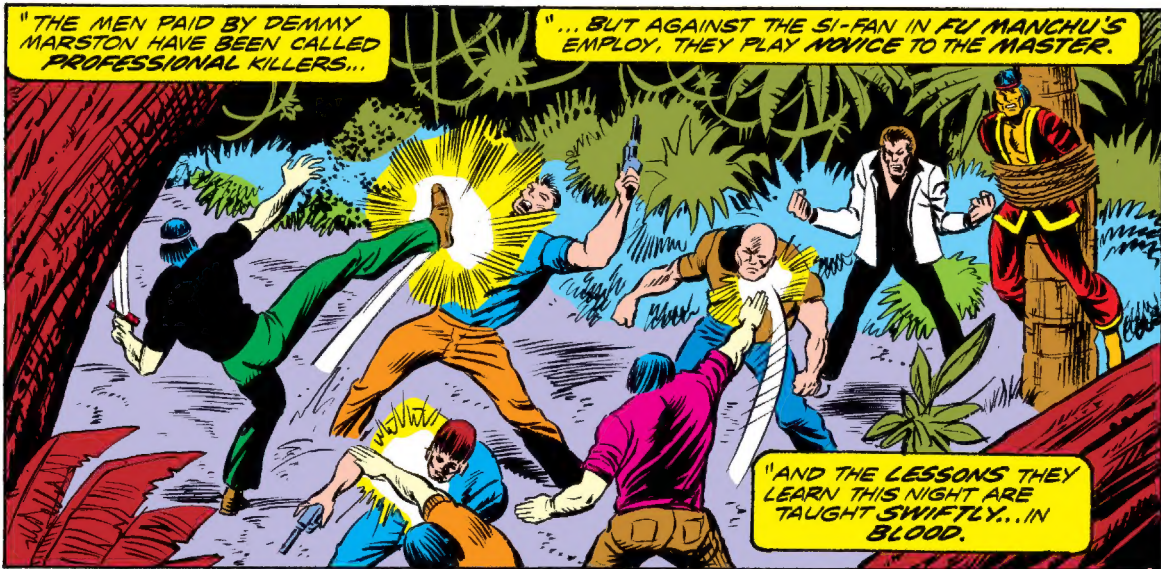
"MY CAPTORS ARE THEREFORE AWARE OF THEM."

DEMMY-- WHO ARE THESE GUYS? WHAT'S GOIN' ON?



I-I DON'T KNOW--! BUT THEY'RE OUT FOR BLOOD!

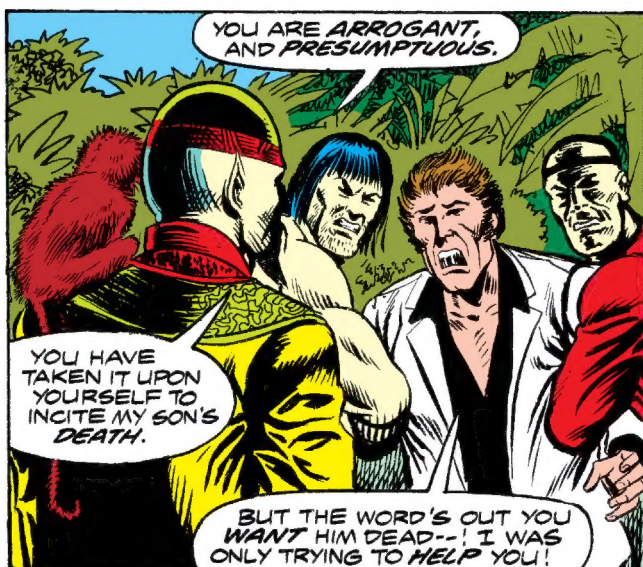
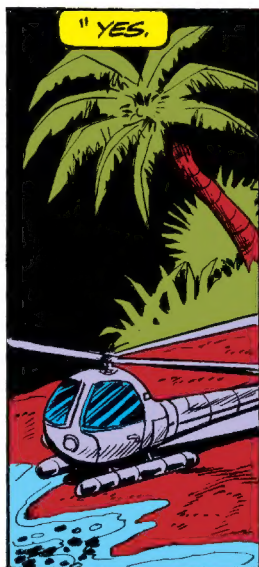
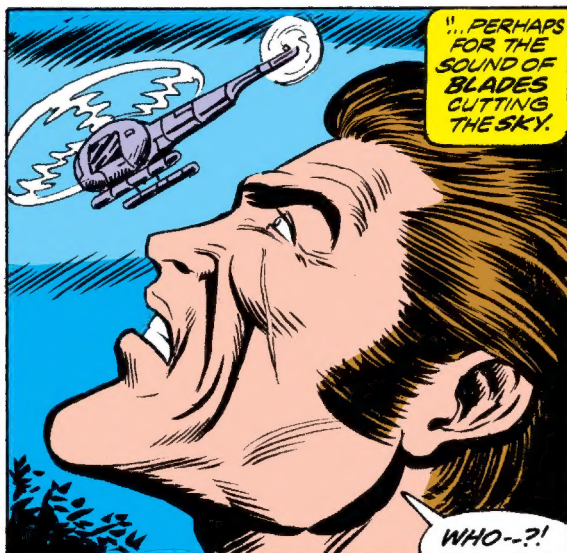
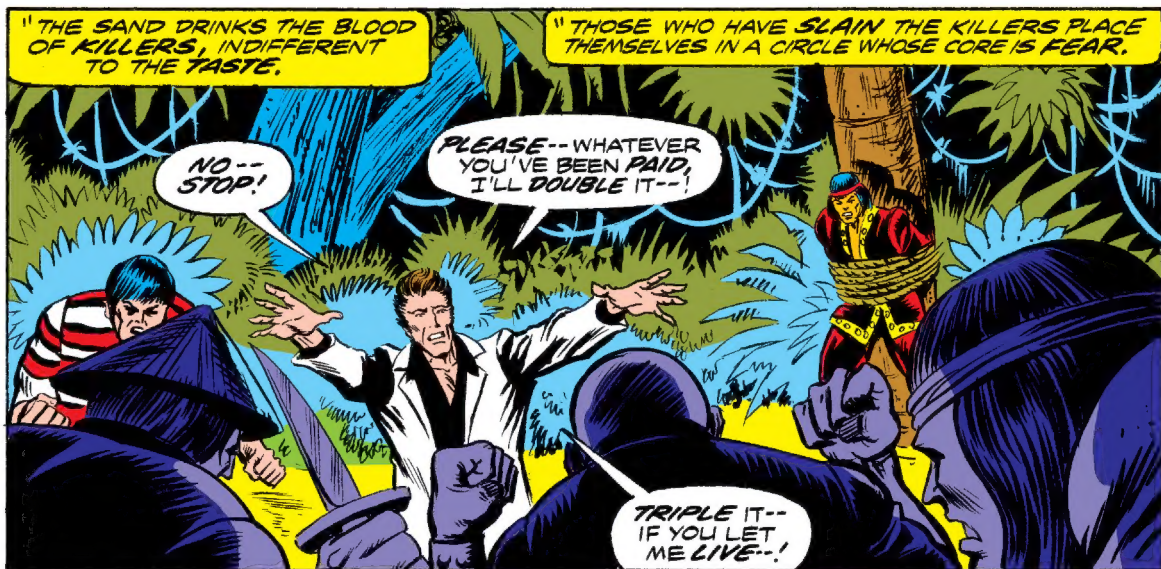
STOP 'EM --FAST!

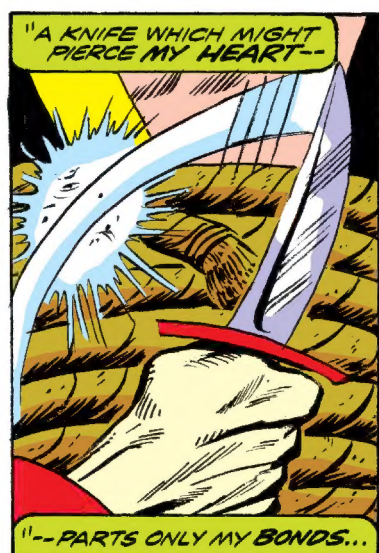


"THE MEN PAID BY DEMMY MARSTON HAVE BEEN CALLED PROFESSIONAL KILLERS..."

"... BUT AGAINST THE SI-FAN IN FU MANCHU'S EMPLOY, THEY PLAY NOVICE TO THE MASTER."

"AND THE LESSONS THEY LEARN THIS NIGHT ARE TAUGHT SWIFTLY...IN BLOOD."





Shadowcat

